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TO : Executive for Administration and Management DATE: 17 March 1948

FROM : Chief, Services Branch

SUBJECT: Proposed Treasury and Post Office Appropriation Bill, 1949

1. Returned herewith is memorandum dated 10 March 1948 from the Assistant General Counsel, Subject: "Proposed Treasury and Post Office Appropriation Bill, 1949."

2. The answers to the questions raised in paragraph 5(a) are in the negative. However, the following is the stock on hand at this time:

Typewriters with 11 inch carriage	--	214
" " 14 " "	--	29
" " 18 " "	--	41
" " 26 " "	--	13

In addition to the above, 200 typewriters with 11 inch carriage have been ordered and it is believed that the quantity on hand plus the quantity on order will be adequate to carry CIA through the majority of 1949.

3. The answer to question raised in paragraph 5(b) is in the positive in that we will undoubtedly be required to submit the information to the Bureau of Federal Supply in the absence of an exemption to the provisions of the proposed bill. However, I believe that our relations with the Director, Bureau of Federal Supply and his immediate staff are such that a minimum amount of information will be required.

4. With reference to paragraph 5(c), I am certain that the Director of Bureau of Federal Supply will not require information as to our typewriter requirements overseas. Our previous dealings with Mr. Clifton E. Mack, Director, in connection with the confidential requirements of CIA are such that I am sure that he will not request such information.

5. For your information, I am attaching a copy of Bureau of Federal Supply Circular Letter No. B-57 REVISED, dated August 20, 1947, Subject: "Typewriters." You will note that contracts have not been in existence for standard typewriters for quite some time because of the legal limitations as to the amount which can be paid by Government departments for this type of equipment, and the refusal on the part of typewriter manufacturers to sell equipment at these prices, resulting in a rather impractical situation since typewriters cannot be purchased. However, we are procuring a sufficient quantity of typewriters from War Assets Administration through the Bureau of Federal Supply.

6. I cannot unqualifiedly guarantee that we will always have a sufficient quantity of typewriters on hand to fill all CIA needs but I do feel that with our personal contacts that we will obtain at least our share of surplus machines. In addition, I assume that the Agency would consider it impractical to request an exemption from the proposed bill. In any event, it is my opinion such a step is not really necessary.

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